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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GISCARD, PM
CHIRAC AND FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES ON THE FRENCH SIDE AND
PM WILSON AND FONMIN CALLAGHAN ON THE UK SIDE DURING
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ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT IN PARIS JULY 19 DEALT

MAINLY WITH CONCORDE, THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UK, THE CHANNEL TUNNEL, UK-EC RELATIONS, EUROPEAN INITIATIVE, EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, ENERGY AFFAIRS, AND THE CYPRUS SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. WILSON VISIT TO PARIS HAS BEEN PRESENTED HERE AS MOVE SOUGHT BY UK AT LEAST SINCE TIME OF SIGNING OF ATLANTIC DECLARATION (WHEN BRITISH WERE REPORTED TO HAVE RAISED IDEA WITH CHIRAC), AND AGREED TO -- WITHOUT GREAT ENTHUSIASM -- BY THE FRENCH. NEVERTHELESS, ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT WAS CHARACTERIZED AS "CORDIAL". ON MAJOR ISSUES, RESULTS OF THE MEETINGS TEND TO SUPPORT IDEA THAT NEITHER SIDE HAD MUCH TO SAY BEYOND KNOWN POSITIONS. FOLLOWING IS BASED ON LOCAL PRESS REPORTS WHICH QUAI AND UK EMBASSY SOURCES CONFIRM REFLECT ACCURATELY THE GENERAL THRUST OF DISCUSSIONS. IN NEXT FEW DAYS, HOWEVER, WE WILL DISCUSS VISIT IN MORE DEPTH WITH BOTH QUAI AND UK SOURCES, AND WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

3. CONCORDE - FRENCH AND BRITISH AGREED TO CONTINUE CONCORDE PROGRAM ALONG ITS PRESENT LINES AND TO COMPLETE PRODUCTION OF THE SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT PROGRAMMED. SEE REFTEL FOR MORE DETAILS.

4. CONTINENTAL SHELF - GISCARD AND WILSON AGREED THAT FIVE INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS WOULD BE CHARGED WITH SETTLING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR THE QUESTION OF FRENCH AND UK JURISDICTION OVER THE SECTION OF THE EASTERN ATLANTIC OCEAN FALLING BETWEEN BRITTANY AND UK TERRITORY. THE TWO LEADERS ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FRANCE AND THE UK WILL COOPERATE IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE SEABED IN THAT AREA.

5. CHANNEL TUNNEL - THE FRENCH POSED NO OBJECTION TO WILSON'S DESIRE TO RE-EXAMINE THE TUNNEL SCHEME BEFORE SUBMITTING THE FRANCO-BRITISH TREATY OF 1973 TO THE UK PARLIAMENT.

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6. UK-EC RELATIONS - CALLAGHAN SAID THE UK HOPES THAT ITS REQUEST FOR "RENEGOTIATION" WILL LEAD TO RESULTS THAT WILL ENABLE IT TO REMAIN IN THE EC. SAUVAGNARGUES REPLIED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION OF MODIFYING THE TREATY OF ROME, THE TREATY OF UK ACCESSION TO THE EC, OR THE BASIC OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRENCH MADE CLEAR ONCE AGAIN THAT THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO "RENEGOTIATE" UK ENTRY INTO EC.

7. EUROPEAN INITIATIVE - ACCORDING TO THE ELYSEE SPOKESMAN, "(GISCARD) INDICATED THAT IT SEEMS VERY DESIRABLE TO HIM TO UNDERTAKE AN INITIATIVE DURING FRANCE'S TERM AS EC PRESIDENT WITH A VIEW TO ACCELERATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLITICAL UNION OF EUROPE, AND (GISCARD) HOPES THAT THIS INITIATIVE WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT THE UK CURRENTLY IS EXAMINING." THE SPOKESMAN DID NOT SAY WHAT FRANCE WOULD DO IF GISCARD'S INITIATIVE AND THE UK PROBLEMS TURNED OUT TO BE INCOMPATIBLE. WILSON SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF A EUROPEAN SUMMIT THAT WOULD LEAD TO "PRODUCTIVE" RESULTS.

8. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE - IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SUBJECT, THE BRITISH SEEMED MOST INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM OF RECYCLING ARAB CAPITAL VIA EUROPE.

9. ENERGY - SAUVAGNARGUES INSISTED THAT EUROPE MUST DEFINE URGENTLY ITS OWN ENERGY POLICY. ONLY THEN WILL FRANCE PARTICIPATE IN AN EXAMINATION OF ENERGY PROBLEMS IN A LARGER FORUM (OECD, FOR EXAMPLE).

10. CYPRUS - CALLAGHAN CONGRATULATED SAUVAGNARGUES FOR THE DILIGENCE WITH WHICH FRANCE REMINDED THE GREEKS OF EUROPE'S SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS.
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